DODGE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING 127 EAST OAK STREET JUNEAU, WI 53039 APRIL 22, 2013

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on April 22, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 1H and 1I of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, William Muche, and Bob Roell.

Also Present: Marc Bethke, Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; Jim Mielke, County Administrator; Nathan Fikkert, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); Tom Schaefer, Dodge County Board Member; Joyce Fiacco, Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Department Director, Joe Giebel, Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Department Code Manager.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Kriewald to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2013 meeting; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: There were no public appearances or comments.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: Nathan Fikkert reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS: Marc Bethke presented ten revised conservation plans under the Farmland Preservation Program. Nathan Fikkert presented one conservation plan under the USDA programs. Motion by Kriewald to approve and sign the plans as presented; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

WINTER SPREAD MANURE ISSUES: A recent incident of manure spreading near Lake Sinissippi was discussed by the committee. Marc Bethke described what services were offered by the Land Conservation Department to address this specific incident at Lake Sinissippi. Marc also described the various activities undertaken by the department during the past 3-13 years to minimize problems related to winter manure spreading, and also described what is currently being done regarding this issue. The committee discussed other ways to attempt to deal with this issue in the future, including the possibility of enacting additional county regulations to restrict

winter manure spreading activities. Following all discussion and considerations, consensus of the committee was to not pursue any additional county actions, including new county regulations.

COMMENTS TO DATCP REGARDING REVISIONS TO ATCP 50: The committee reviewed and discussed a draft letter to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) expressing concern with proposed rule changes to Administrative Rule ATCP 50. Motion by Nelson to approve and sign the draft letter and send it to the Wisconsin DATCP; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

TOWN AND COUNTRY RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) – APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE: Information was presented to the committee describing the existence and activities of the Town and Country RC&D. Dodge County has a seat available to participate in quarterly meetings of the RC&D's governing board called the "Vision Team" Currently there is no appointed representative from Dodge County. After asking for volunteers, motion by Nelson to appoint Ed Nelson as the county representative to attend future meetings of the Vision Team, with Marc Bethke to attend if Ed is unable to attend, with the understanding that county board representatives are eligible for per diem and travel expense reimbursement; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

APPROVE AND SIGN 2013 SWRM GRANT: The committee reviewed the 2013 SWRM Grant as prepared by the Wisconsin DATCP. The 2013 grant includes a \$13,800 increase as compared to the 2012 grant for staff and certain operating costs. Motion by Muche to approve the 2013 SWRM Grant as presented; seconded by Roell. Motion carried.

AMEND 2013 LAND & WATER COST SHARE USE STRATEGY: Marc Bethke presented an amendment to the 2013 Land & Water Cost Share Use Strategy, which would limit cost share funding of streambank and shoreline protection practices to a 50% cost share rate, up to a maximum of \$10 cost sharing per linear foot. After some discussion, motion by Miller to approve the amendment as presented; seconded by Adelmeyer. Motion carried.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM – VOLUNTARY NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE: One Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance was presented for committee review and action. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the Chair to sign the Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance for John Fink, Towns of Theresa and Lomira; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Howard Kriewald did not have anything to report regarding the monthly Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting. Bob Roell reported that the main item of discussion at the latest meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was issues pertaining to the sewer system.

CORRESPONDENCE: Copies of the February 27, 2013 Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting were distributed to all committee members.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Muche, seconded by Miller to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

Howard Kriewald – Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on March 27, 2013 – per diem and 20 miles.

Bob Roell – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on April 16, 2013 – per diem and 30 miles. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 1A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:00 AM; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

Ed Nelson, Chair

Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

Marc Bethke – March Expenses =	\$ 89.68
Chula Vista Resort – Lodging at WLWCA Conference =	\$ 420.00
Mueller Auto Co. – Oil Change on Blue S-10 Pick-Up Truck =	\$ 29.05
Joe's Auto Service – Oil Change/Tire Rotation on 1999 Ford Ranger =	\$ 39.00
TOTAL =	\$ 577.73

(REVENUE)

Two Landowners – CREP Early Withdrawal Penalty =	\$ 339.94
One Landowner – Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fee =	\$ 750.00
TOTAL =	\$ 1,089.94

APRIL 2013 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Working closely with Laura's Lane Nursery to determine suitable pick-up and delivery dates for spring 2013 small packet trees the lingering winter weather has pushed everything back about one month final dates are yet to be determined, but will likely be either May 13-15, or May 20-22.
- Continued to assist many Farmland Preservation Program participants with various questions/issues regarding tax credit eligibility, conservation compliance requirements; have received only five (5) phone calls regarding the new \$25.00 FPP service fee.
- Spent considerable time dealing with the issue of manure spreading near Lake Sinissippi

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Mid May (?) Small Packet Tree Distribution
- May 29, 2013 Southern Area Association Spring Meeting in Mount Horeb Bill Muche (or an alternate LCC member) should attend with Marc Bethke